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Lester Snow

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Dear Lester Snow:

Please consider this letter a response to the revised CALFED plan.

I oppose CALFED's plan to increase water storage in the Central Valley by raising existing dams or building new offstream storage reservoirs.

CALFED's plan to raise Shasta Dam would flood segments of the upper Sacramento and McCloud rivers. CALFED's proposed sites offstream storage reservoir would require massive water diversions from the Sacramento River.

I urge CALFED to expand water efficiency, conservation, and reclamation programs to stretch

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our existing water supplies, instead of building new dams and canals. This could be done by switching to higher value and less water consumptive crops and by installing water meters for all agricultural and urban users.

We cannot solve all ecological problems caused by dams and diversions, by building more dams and diversions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
I look forward to hearing your position
on the issue.

Sincerely,

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